

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized system for automatically posting and retrieving information to and from databases of user-generated content on a computer network, the system comprising:

means for receiving one of more first documents from users into a first database of user-generated content;

means for evaluating content fitness of one or more of the received first documents;

means, responsive to an affirmative evaluation of content fitness, for posting one or more of the first documents stored at ~~[[a]]~~ the first database of user-generated content to one or more second databases of user-generated content in the computer network;

means for automatically collecting at the first database one or more second documents posted at one or more of the second databases in reply to one or more of the posted first documents; and

means for providing access at the first database to one or more of the automatically collected second documents, including means for excluding one or more of the collected second documents, based on ~~user or administrator defined~~ user-defined criteria.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the first and second documents concern medical or health information.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first and second documents concern knees, hearts, lungs, allergies, HIV, specific diseases, specific body parts, cancer, lost children, cooking, sports, entertainment, celebrities, politics, law, restaurants, consumer products, motion pictures, videos, music recordings, corporations, government officials, criminal activity, schools, science, wines, beers, foods, professional service providers, colleges, alumni of educational institutions, genealogy, gossip, or sex.

4. (Currently Amended) A computerized system comprising:
a first database accessible via a computer network;
means for incorporating data, based on user- or administrator-defined topical search criteria, from one or more other databases into the first database; and
means for automatically updating the user- or administrator-defined topical search criteria based on user interaction with ~~any~~ the data incorporated into the first database.
- 5-13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently Amended) A computerized method of automatically posting and retrieving information to and from sites on a computer network, the method comprising:
automatically searching and retrieving documents, based on user-defined keywords or parameters, from one or more first sites on the computer network on a periodic, scheduled, or event-driven basis;
posting one or more of the retrieved documents to a second site;
receiving commands from users of the second site to post documents to one or more of the first sites; and
in response to the posting documents to one or more of the first sites, retrieving and collecting at the second site reply documents that are associated with the posted documents on the one or more first sites, including automatically excluding one or more of the collected reply documents based on user- or administrator-defined topical criteria.
15. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions for:
automatically searching and retrieving documents, based on user-defined keywords or parameters, from one or more first sites on the computer network on a periodic, scheduled, or event-driven basis;
posting one or more of the retrieved documents to a second site;

receiving commands from users of the second site to post documents to one or more of the first sites; and

in response to the posting documents to one or more of the first sites, retrieving and collecting at the second site reply documents that are associated with the posted documents on the one or more first sites, including excluding one or more of the collected reply documents based on user- or administrator-defined topical criteria.

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Withdrawn) A server comprising:

means for receiving data submissions from a plurality of users;

means for measuring the quality, relevance, or quantity of the received data submissions relative to a specified criteria;

means for automatically retrieving data from a first network accessible database, based on a specified criteria and storing the retrieved data in a second network accessible database associated with the server; and

means for granting one or more of the users access rights to data in the second database based on the measured quality, relevance, or quantity of the received data submissions.

19. (Withdrawn) The server of claim 18, wherein receiving data submission includes receiving data for posting to one or more network accessible databases.

20. (Withdrawn) A computerized method comprising:

automatically posting one or more first documents stored at a first database in a computer network to one or more second databases in the computer network;

automatically collecting at the first database one or more second documents posted at one or more of the second databases in reply to one or more of the first posted documents; and

automatically granting users access rights to documents stored on the first database in return for their data contributions to the first database.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the access rights to documents stored on the first database are granted based on the quantity, quality, or relevance of the data contributions.

22. (Withdrawn) A system comprising:
a first database accessible via a computer network;
means for granting users access rights to the first database based on their respective data contributions to the database;
means for posting one or more first documents stored at the first database to one or more second databases accessible via the computer network; and
means for automatically collecting at the first database one or more second documents posted at one or more of the second databases in reply to one or more of the first posted documents.

23. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, wherein the access rights are granted to users based on quantity, quality, or relevance of their respective data contributions.

24. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, further comprising:
means for excluding one or more of the second documents from the first database, based on user- or administrator-defined criteria.

25. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, further comprising means for serving data from the first database to at least a first user, based on a first query and access rights associated with the first user.

26. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, further comprising:
means for receiving a first data contribution or a first query from a first user of the first database and receiving a second data contribution or a second query from a second user of the first database; and

means, responsive to similarities of the first data contribution or first query to the second data contribution or second query, for facilitating a relationship between the first and second users.

27. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22 wherein the data contributions concern medical or health information.

28. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 22, wherein the means for facilitating a relationship between the first and second users includes means for communicating address information for the first user to a device associated with the second user.

29. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 28 wherein the means for communicating address information for the first user to the second user comprises means for determining whether the first user has granted permission for providing the address information.

30. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
automatically incorporating data from two or more separate network accessible databases into a third network accessible database, based on user- or administrator-defined topical search criteria; and
automatically updating the user- or administrator-defined topical search criteria based on user interaction with the data incorporated into the first database.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein incorporating data from the two or more separate network accessible databases includes retrieving data that satisfies the topical search criteria and rejecting a portion of the retrieved data based on exclusion criteria.